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INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

(PCT Article 18 and Rules 43 and 44)

Applicant's or agent's file reference 0000053691	FOR FURTHER ACTION see Notification of Transmittal of International Search Report (Form PCT/ISA/220) as well as, where applicable, item 5 below.	
International application No. PCT/EP 03/07028	International filing date (day/month/year) 02/07/2003	(Earliest) Priority Date (day/month/year) 05/07/2002
Applicant BASF AKTIENGESELLSCHAFT		

This International Search Report has been prepared by this International Searching Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 18. A copy is being transmitted to the International Bureau.

This International Search Report consists of a total of 9 sheets.
 It is also accompanied by a copy of each prior art document cited in this report.

1. **Basis of the report**
 - a. With regard to the **language**, the international search was carried out on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

 the international search was carried out on the basis of a translation of the international application furnished to this Authority (Rule 23.1(b)).
 - b. With regard to any **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence** disclosed in the international application, the international search was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing :

 contained in the international application in written form.

 filed together with the international application in computer readable form.

 furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form.

 furnished subsequently to this Authority in computer readable form.

 the statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished.

 the statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished
2. **Certain claims were found unsearchable** (See Box I).
3. **Unity of invention is lacking** (see Box II).
4. With regard to the **title**,

 the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.

 the text has been established by this Authority to read as follows:
5. With regard to the **abstract**,

 the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.

 the text has been established, according to Rule 38.2(b), by this Authority as it appears in Box III. The applicant may, within one month from the date of mailing of this international search report, submit comments to this Authority.
6. The figure of the **drawings** to be published with the abstract is Figure No. 1

 as suggested by the applicant.

 because the applicant failed to suggest a figure.

 because this figure better characterizes the invention.

 None of the figures.

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Box I Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 1 of first sheet)

This International Search Report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. Claims Nos.:
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:

2. Claims Nos.:
because they relate to parts of the International Application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful International Search can be carried out, specifically:

3. Claims Nos.:
because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).

Box II Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:

see additional sheet

1. As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers all searchable claims.

2. As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee.

3. As only some of the required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers only those claims for which fees were paid, specifically claims Nos.:

4. No required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant. Consequently, this International Search Report is restricted to the invention first mentioned in the claims; it is covered by claims Nos.:

Remark on Protest

The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest.

No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.

FURTHER INFORMATION CONTINUED FROM PCT/ISA/ 210

This International Searching Authority found multiple (groups of) inventions in this international application, as follows:

1. Claims: 1-8

Plasmid vectors for targeted integration of filamentous fungi and various embodiments thereof.

2. Claims: 9-22

Selection markers comprising a nucleic acid sequence encoding a polyketide synthetase fragment, use thereof for targeted transformation of filamentous fungi, vectors and expression cassettes comprising the said selection markers as well as methods of transformation of filamentous fungi using the same.

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER
 IPC 7 C12N15/80 C12N15/52 C12N9/10

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

IPC 7 C12N

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used)

MEDLINE, EPO-Internal, WPI Data, PAJ, EMBASE, CHEM ABS Data, SCISEARCH, BIOTECHNOLOGY ABS, SEQUENCE SEARCH, EMBL, BIOSIS

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X (1)	<p>FENG B ET AL: "Molecular cloning and characterization of WdPKS1, a gene involved in dihydroxynaphthalene melanin biosynthesis and virulence in <i>Wangiella</i> (<i>Exophiala</i>) <i>dermatitidis</i>." INFECTATION AND IMMUNITY. UNITED STATES MAR 2001, vol. 69, no. 3, March 2001 (2001-03), pages 1781-1794, XP002247661 ISSN: 0019-9567 cited in the application page 1783, right-hand column; figure 1 --- -/-</p>	1-3

Further documents are listed in the continuation of box C.

Patent family members are listed in annex.

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- *A* document defining the general state of the art which is not considered to be of particular relevance
- *E* earlier document but published on or after the international filing date
- *L* document which may throw doubts on priority claim(s) or which is cited to establish the publication date of another citation or other special reason (as specified)
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X (17)	<p>TSAI H F ET AL: "The developmentally regulated <i>alb1</i> gene of <i>Aspergillus fumigatus</i>: its role in modulation of conidial morphology and virulence." <i>JOURNAL OF BACTERIOLOGY</i>. UNITED STATES JUN 1998, vol. 180, no. 12, June 1998 (1998-06), pages 3031-3038, XP002264291 ISSN: 0021-9193 page 3031, right-hand column, paragraph 2 -page 3032, right-hand column, paragraph 4; figures 2,4</p> <p>---</p>	9-13, 17-20
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A ⑪	CHANG P K ET AL: "The <i>Aspergillus parasiticus</i> polyketide synthase gene pksA, a homolog of <i>Aspergillus nidulans</i> wA, is required for aflatoxin B1 biosynthesis." MOLECULAR & GENERAL GENETICS: MGG. GERMANY 21 AUG 1995, vol. 248, no. 3, 21 August 1995 (1995-08-21), pages 270-277, XP001156368 ISSN: 0026-8925 page 271 -page 273; figure 3 ---	
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